## NEW-YORRISMS.

Prom Our Own Correspondent. NEW YORK, July 18, 1870

Europe in New Yors The city of New York is exceedingly agitated over two subjects, both of which it appears to have equally at heart. The first is the political convulsion which threatens to include all Europe In its throes; the second is which yacht is to wio, the Cambria or the Dauntless. Whichever yacht is first espied off Sandy Hook will be immediately communicated to the public at this port by a peculiar arrangement of flags, calculated to telegraph the news in the most picturesque and plain manner. I might almost say that the war question assumes a secondary place in the popular heart. On Saturday francic attempts were made on Wall street to manufacture capital from cablegrams. To create a panic, however, was impossible. Gold, which sold on Friday at 3 P. M. at 115%, sold at 10 on Saturday morning at 116%. Gold closed on Saturday at 116%, the lowest point it reached being 1161% and the highest 116%. The bulls and bears were never in a direr state of pecunions perspiration. The Gold Exchange Room, between the mental excitement and the feverish physique of the crowds who filled it, was a'most as hot as though it had heated furnaces beneath. However European markets may be affected by the political questions now agitating all Europe, the markets have at least hitherto been unaffected here. Time was when gold went up like a gas-balloon, but an international row three thousand miles off permits us to look on with folded arms and calm regards. This is as it ought to be. At the French and the Prussian Consulates not a drop could be extracted from the official lemon by the most lemon-squeezing reporter. No instructions have been received by either of the consuls from his government, and a diplomatic reticence was therefore the order of the day. A significant event, however, happened to the North German Lloyd's steamer Hermann, Captain Reichmann. She was to have sailed at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon from the pier at the foot of Third street, Hoboken. All the passengers were on board, the steam was got up, everything was in almost perfect readiness to start. At about threequarters of an hour before the very moment of leave-taking, Captain Reichmann received a de spatch which forbade him leaving this port. Figure to yourself the scene. Some show of remenstrance was made, but it fell on the Captain like feathers on the Cardiff giant. The steam was turned off, the passengers were turned out, and by the time two o'clock came (the hour when she was to have left the pier) she was as closely hugged up against the wharf as if no thought of sailing had ever entered the head of crew or passenger. Messrs. Ocirichs & Co., of Broad street, had been the tural show, sir? Now's your chance, sir; they're recipients of the despatch which they had immediately forwarded to Capta'n Ruchmann, With respect to the general feeling in the city. it finds some exponent in the fact that a sumber of Germans held a meeting at Delmonico's down-town establishment for the purpose of expressing their sympathy with Prussia. A large meeting is to be held on Wednesday evening at Steinway Hall, which has been gratuitously tendered therefor by its proprietors. During Saturday afternoon intense but entirely unwarranted excitement was got up at the Battery by the intelligence. A rumor was created, for instance, that an engagement was inevitable between the Jean Bart and the Semiramis, of the French marine, and the Prussian frigate Ancona. Hundreds of people repaired to the Battery, intent on smelling gunpowder, and supremely indifferent to imminent sunstroke. Probably so great an amount of perspiration was never manufactured by so small a number of people in the same space of time. Opera-glasses and field-glasses were brought to light, and some of the more ideal of the spectators saw the belching broadsides, heard the cries of the wounded and dying, and confidently looked for a circumstantial account in yesterday morning's papers. The unreliability of human expectations was illustrated when it was positively ascertained that the Semiramis was in all probability in a French port, that the Jean Bart was far on her way to one, and that the Prussian frigate Ancona was very likely safe and snug at Plymouth. When these facts were definitely ascertained it was decided to wait a little longer for the lists of killed and wounded.

If I run the chance, by writing so aften about Free Bathing Establishments.

of wearing out the patience with which you expect me to touch on something new, it is because those institutions have really taken a very strong hold here, so much so that all teachers in the city-public school, private school, and Sunday school -are invited to attend a meeting next Saturday, at which the advantages of such establishments shall be enforced in a lecture. The meeting is to be held at halfpast one next Saturday afternoon, at the church at No. 240 West Fiftieth street. It is proposed to erect a number of free bathing houses, and to found hygienic libraries, rooms for calisthenic practice, and halls for physiological lectures in connection therewith. The National Veteran Temperance Corps is going to add to its efforts in the cause of temperance a series of well-directed attempts in the way of establishing free baths, and evidently recognizes the efficacy of water as an outside tonic as well as an inside moral regenerator. Dr. David P. Halbon, the secretary of the Committee on Free Baths, states that \$50,000 of the tax levy of 1869 for this city are for the erection of two free floating bath, one on East river and one on Hudson river. The corps intend this to be the basis for a series of fresh and of salt water baths, warm and cold, at all seasons, in the central portion of the city. This is at least a hopeful indication that we shall never retrograde to that washless condition in which free public baths were only an idea and nothing more.

ALI BABA.

THE MYSTERIES OF MILEAGE. The Washington correspondent of an Indiana paper has been investigating the subject of mileage. He recalls the fact, which almost everybody has forgotten, that no soener had the Republican party come into power than the mileage paid to members of Congress was cut down one-half, that is, from forty cents to twenty cents per mile. The total reduction of mileage, however, as the figures show, has been a great deal more than a balf. In 1859 there was paid to Senators \$75,911 as mileage. In 1869, with six more Senators, there was paid \$29,312.10, a difference of \$46,597.60. Of course, the question arises how is it that with more Senators the total mileage is nearly \$10,000 less than half what it used to be? The corre-

spondent thus explains the mystery:-Members of Congress certify to the number of miles which they travel, and their word of honor has thusly been doemed sufficient. According to their certificates, then, these

old fathers of Israel travelled a good many more miles than their Republican successors; and my heart fairly bled for the virtuous old gentlemen, when I noted their long and weary search for this historic spot on the bunks of the placid Potomac. There was Johnson of Arkansas; when he was a Senator it was 4000 miles from Little Rock to Washington and back. Now it is not so much by a thousand miles at least; so says Rice, his Republican successor. Thin's of poor Green, of Missouri, tramping 3500 miles to reach the Capitol, while Drake merely cuts it across lots and saves 1500 miles, the former coming up at a cost to the people of \$1400, the latter for less than \$500. We used to pay that eminent diplomatist, Gwin, of California. nearly \$6000 for coming to Washington. We get Cole, a Republican, here for \$1300. It cost us \$800 every time that shining Democrat, Jesse D. Bright, turned his face to the Capitol; but Morton comes down for \$359 a year. Graham N. Fitch, of Indiana, had a very weary time of it, for he travelled 2865 miles and finally reached Washington, after much suffering, at a national expense of \$1146. Pratt, though living in the same town, discovered some wonderful route twelve hundred miles shorter, and so we get him here and back again, heavy as he is, for

The great and good man, David Turpie, when he had the misfortune to be a Senator for a few days, wandered about like a lost sheep, until finally his eyes were gladdened at the sight of the dome, after having travelled 2636 miles. Colfax, Packard, and others make the distance from Northern Indiana to the capital from eight to nine hundred miles shorter than did Turpie.

Davis, the great and costly Jefferson, travelled four thousand miles every time he came up to the capital, and charged us \$1600 for the trip. Revels, blacker, but more modest, living one hundred and fifty miles further away, cuts across the country a thousand miles nearer, and charges \$1000 less for the job. These figures are from the official records, and challenge contradiction.

THE MAN IN THE WHITE COAT. At the recent Commemoration at Oxford, the students, as usual, amused themselves before the exercises began with "guying" such of the auditors as attracted their attention by

any peculiarity of dress. "White coat!" A score or two of lusty voices in the gallery leaped down in a moment, so to speak, on this obnoxious apparition among the dark mass that covered the spacious floor. "White coat! White coat! Oh, you! Take it off, sir! Put it in your pocket, sir. Will Mr. Wall be good enough to lead that man out? Go out, sir! Go away! White coat, ya-ah! Will you go, sir! Don't you see the ladies are looking at you sir? Do you think this is an agriculmaking way for you. White coat, ya-ah! Your name and college, sir! Go out, sir! You must go, you know. Green tie, green Who brought in that man with a green Take him out again! Straw hat, ya-ah, White coat! Cover up that green tie, sir, do you hear? Put that straw hat out of sight, sir, if you please! Can't you hear, sir? When will you three meet again? Now, you in the white coat, are you going? Three groans for the green tie! Oh, oh, oh! Three groaus for the straw hat? Three cheers for the light blue! Hoora-a-av! cheers for the ladies in dark blue! Three cheers for the ladies in pink! Three cheers for the unmarried ladies! Three cheers for the chaperones! Three cheers for the ladies going up the steps! White coat! Now, you, sir, move out, can't you? Three cheers for the ladies in hats! Three cheers for the ladies in bonnets! White coat-white coat! Ya-ah! The din, too merry and good-humored to be unmusical, was presently interrupted by the tuning of instruments in the orchestra; and then the noise aloft was renewed, in jocular imitation of fiddles, fifes, trombones, and clarionets. After that came the cries for cheers or groans, as the case might be, in reference to names of public note.

DANGERS OF ANÆSTHESIA.

The Richmond and Louisville Medical Journal for June contains a paper of some interest on the relative dangers of anæsthesia by chloroform and ether, from statistics of 209,893 cases. The desired information was mainly obtained by personally visiting the principal hospitals of the world, supplemented by correspondence with spots not visited, as well as by information from other sources, such as reports of the Surgeon-General of the United States Army, private re-cords, etc. Waiving remarks in detail, and unable to give the table in full of the returns of chloroform administrations and deaths, we find the totals of the former to be 127,078, and of the latter forty-three. The ratio of mortality stands one to 2723. The proportions in the use of sulphuric ether as an ansesthetic are very different. Thus of 92,815 cases reported to the writer in the Journal, there were but four cases of death, the particulars of which are given. The ratio of mortality is one to 23,214, and taking that as above from chloroform, there remains a mortality about eight and a half times greater than by ether. From the imperfect statistics of the effects of mixtures of chloroform and ether, we learn that the ratio of danger is, as might be expected, between the other two, the proportions being one death in 1588 cases of chloric-ether administration, or twice as safe as chloroform, and about four times more dangerous than ether.

The nitrous oxide, contrary to the first impressions entertained on the subject, and the strong adverse opinion of Dr. Richardson, would seem to be the safest of all anæsthetics. The members of a dental association claim to bave anæsthetized seventy-five thousand patients, without any deaths. With regard to the bichloride of methylens, we want the requisite statistics.

-It is about time for people to learn not to point firearms at each other "for fun." Among the numerous instances of serious results from this facetious proceeding is one just reported, in which the gun contained nothing but powder and wadding. The wadding, however, entered a man's thigh three or four inches, and inflicted a severe wound.

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In accordance with a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the city of Philadelphia on Thursday, the 7th day of July, 1870, the annexed bill, entitled "An Ordinance to Create a Lean for a House of Correction," is hereby published for public information.

JOHN ECKSTEIN, Clerk of Common Council.

A N ORDINANCE To Create a Loan for a House of Correction. Section 1. The Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, That the Mayor of Philadelphia be and he is hereby authorized to borrow, at not less than par, on he credit of the city, from time to time, for a House of Correction, five hundred thousand dollars, for which interest, not to exceed the rate of six per cent. per annum, shall be paid half yearly on the first days of January and July, at the office of the City Treasurer. The principal of said loan shall be payable and paid at the expiration of thirty years from the date of the same, and not before, without the consent of the holders thereof; and the certificates therefor, in the usual form of the certificates of city loan, shall be issued in such amounts as the lenders may require, but not for any fractional part of one hundred dollars, or, if required in amounts of five hundred or one thousand dollars; and it shall be expressed in said cert'ficates that the loan therein mentioned and the interest thereof are payable free from all taxes. Section 2. Whenever any loan shall be made by virtue thereof, there shall be, by force of this ordinance, annually appropriated out of the income of the corporate estates and from the sum raised by taxation a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said certificates; and the further sum of three-tenths of one per centum on the par value of such certificates so issued, shall be appropriated quarterly out of said income and taxes to a sinking fund, which fund and its accumulations are hereby especially pledged for the redemption and payment of said certifi-

RESOLUTION TO PUBLISH A LOAN Resolved, That the Clerk of Common Council be authorized to publish in two daily newspapers of this city daily for four weeks, the ordinance presented to the Common Council on Thursday, July 7, 1870, entitled "An ordinance to create a loan for a House of Correction;" and the said Clerk, at the stated meeting of Councils after the expiration of four weeks from the first day of said publication, shall present to this Council one of each of said news-papers for every day in which the same shall

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